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Question1:

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Question4: Please increase funding for the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the USDA. In Roanoke, Virginia, this funding was used for policy-setting and education to increase tree canopy. With an ecosystem analysis of the area, we are able to quantify the environmental benefits of increased tree canopy. As a result, Roanoke and its grass-roots organizations now include tree planting in efforts to improve air quality (specifically ozone for which Roanoke is approaching non-attainment) and reducing stormwater runoff. For example, one acre of forest on steep land in Roanoke City removes 41 pounds of ozone from the air per year. And it would cost \$781 each year to handle the stormwater runoff if that acre of forest was destroyed. Please see our website at <http://www.roanokeva.gov/WebMgmt/ywbase61b.nsf/vwContentByKey/N25FUJRF530LWODEN> for more information on how Urban and Community Forestry funds have helped Roanoke, Virginia. Thank you.

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